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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I visit our campuses and speak with students, faculty and staff, I sense a buzz in the air that is typical this time of year.

'Tis the season of final papers, final exams and final projects.

It's a time of great academic activity, and for our students especially, this is also a time of higher stress. Many of them work odd shifts to support their family and pursue their dream of a college education. What can you do? Remind them that there is plenty of help on campus, whether it's tutoring or health and wellness services. Be intentional in reaching out with a kind word of encouragement and friendly support -- it'll go a long way to help our students prevail.

Our students aren't the only ones experiencing higher workloads this time of year, our faculty and staff are as well. Just scroll down and take a look at the stories below. You'll be proud, just as I am, to see the remarkable work of our colleges engaging with our surrounding communities to bring hope and opportunities to our neighbors.

There is no question that work that you do on behalf of our students and our community is more important than ever, and I'd like to personally thank you for it.

I look forward to seeing you at our annual Chancellor's Holiday Party and Employee Recognition Awards breakfast. It'll be held on Friday, Dec. 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Applied Technology & Training Center, located across from the District office.

Until then, I invite you to email me at bbaron@sbccd.edu to continue this chat by sharing an idea or comment.

Onward,

Bruce Baron
Chancellor



New California Community College system chancellor to start Dec. 19

"We're going to take on a much more aggressive agenda with a clear lens on social justice and equity," said Eloy Ortiz Oakley, who is in his final weeks as head of the Long Beach Community College District, in an interview with [The Atlantic](#). "I don't think there is a greater equalizer than California community colleges," he said. Oakley will take the helm as Chancellor of California's 113 community colleges on Dec. 19 and replace Brice W. Harris, who retired earlier this year after leading the community college system for nearly four years. Erik E. Skinner will continue serving as interim chancellor until Oakley takes office.

[Read Oakley's plan](#)



SBVC enlisting volunteers to launch multi-city student outreach 'Day of Service and BBQ,' Dec. 17

San Bernardino Valley College President Diana Rodriguez will lead the campus' first-ever 'Day of Service and BBQ' on Saturday, Dec. 17. "We are spreading the word about our programs to the community around us in every way we can. There may be potential students in our own neighborhoods who may not know about the amazing educational and career opportunities available for them just a few blocks away," said President Rodriguez. Outreach teams composed of faculty, staff and students will visit residents in San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto and Highland from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A barbecue will be held for all volunteers at 2 p.m. at SBVC.

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Crafton Hills College students, faculty and staff give back to families in need

More than 50 students, faculty and staff from Crafton Hills College took the Three Peaks Challenge earlier this month by volunteering to sort 22,000 pounds of food for Family Services Association in Redlands. The food will help feed local families in need throughout the year. Three Peaks Challenge events are organized to remind the CHC campus community that students success comes when they live by the motto and summit the three peaks: "Engage, learn and advance."

See Roadrunners in action



SBCCD partners with SB Mayor's Office and community members to organize Dec. 2 anniversary memorial

SBCCD is partnering with the San Bernardino Mayor's Office to invite the public to gather this Friday, Dec. 2 at the CalState San Bernardino Coussoulis Arena to continue healing and show strength by remembering the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attack. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. and doors open at 5:30 p.m. The night will include speakers from faith-based and civic organizations, an uplifting musical performance by the SBVC Voci Soli Concert Choir, in-kind refreshments by SBVC Culinary Arts and media coverage by KVCR-TV.

Unite



SBCCD's partnership with Caltrans is a statewide model to help ex-offenders gain new job skills

SBCCD manages a major grant for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation that provides work experience for parolees at Caltrans locations. Eddie Rubio, SBCCD's Caltrans Program Administrator, spoke about the success of the program with statewide leaders at the [Reentry Solutions People, Program and Policy](#) conference in Ontario, hosted by the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank. Rubio was on a panel of experts and shared that noncredit programs, coupled with for-credit programs, go hand-in-hand with creating a pathway that eases the process for ex-offenders to pursue their education. This multi-agency effort creates a new start for individuals, while increasing public safety.

[Learn more](#)



SBCCD meets the 50 percent law

Since 1961, California state law has required each community college district to allocate no less than 50 percent of its general fund expenditures to "salaries of classroom instructors," under a formula based upon the current expense of education. SBCCD continues to meet the legal requirements of the "Fifty Percent Law." For the most recent completed fiscal year, 2015-2016, SBCCD expended \$39,308,396 (50.19%) on instructional salaries, which was \$144,926 over the 50% requirement. SBCCD's total expense of education was \$78,326,941. Faculty positions and assignments that do not count as classroom instructors include Librarians, Counselors, Instructional Deans, faculty Directors (EOPS, Athletic, Transfer Center), and faculty reassigned time. Other instructional expenses that cannot count include computer lab equipment and staff, instructional computers, students support services, and distance education support.

Upcoming Holiday Events

San Bernardino Valley College President's Holiday Gathering & Gift Basket Extravaganza

Thursday, Dec. 1
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
SBVC Campus Center



- Complimentary holiday lunch
- Holiday gift basket drawings ([View](#))
- [More info](#)

Crafton Hills College Annual Holiday Party hosted by President Wei Zou

Wednesday, Dec. 7
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Crafton Center - Roadrunner Café

- *Good food and holiday cheer*
- [More info](#)

Chancellor's Holiday Party & Employee Recognition Awards

Friday, Dec. 9
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Applied Technology & Training Center

- *District-wide Service Awards*
- *District-wide Applause Awards*
- *\$100 Visa Gift Card opportunity drawing*
- [More info](#)

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About San Bernardino Community College District

We serve 22 cities in the heart of Inland Southern California and create new opportunities for 25,000 students each year through our two fully-accredited campuses: Crafton Hills College and San Bernardino Valley College. We cultivate minds and transform our community through our Economic Development & Corporate Training division and KVCR, the region's National Public Radio (NPR) and Public Broadcasting System (PBS) television station. Through our day-to-day educational enterprise, SBCCD generates \$621 million in local economic activity each year. [Watch our video.](#)

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